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Fatalgram

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A 33 YEAR OLD MECHANIC/WELDER, WITH 2 YEARS EXPERIENCE WITH THE CONTRACTOR FOR WHOM HE WAS WORKING AND 10 DAYS AT THIS MINE, WAS FATALLY INJURED WHEN HE FELL APPROXIMATELY 93 FEET FROM A WATER TOWER.

THE VICTIM WAS SITTING ON A STRUT, WELDING LEG JOINTS ON THE WATER TOWER WHICH WAS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. HE STOPPED WELDING AND AS HE WAS GETTING UP HE LOST HIS BALANCE. THE VICTIM WAS WEARING A SAFETY BELT AND LANYARD BUT IT WAS NOT ATTACHED TO THE SAFETY LINE.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

EMPLOYEES MUST SECURE SAFETY LINES WHILE WORKING WHERE THERE IS A DANGER OF FALLING.

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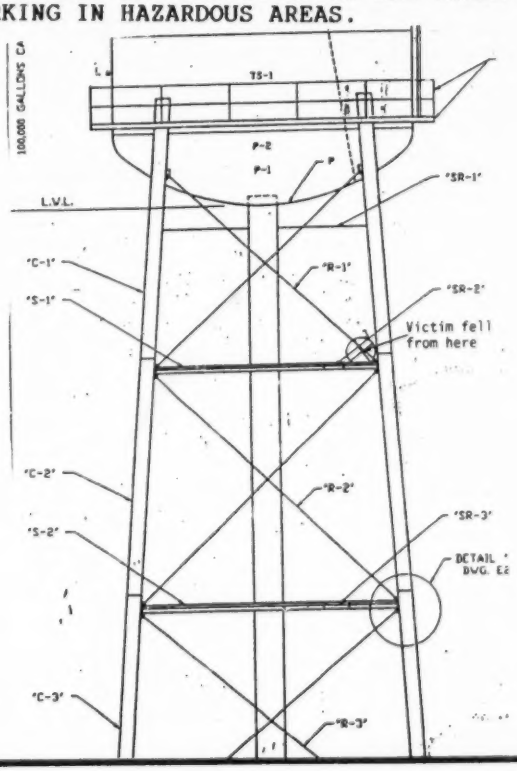
CLOSE SUPERVISION SHOULD BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES WHEN EMPLOYEES ARE WORKING IN HAZARDOUS AREAS.



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"Preliminary Data"

Death Toll	Period Covered:			
Year	Underground	Surface	Mills	Total
1988	5	2	4	11
1989	5	8	3	16

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